

# SCHENECTADY COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Schenectady County is located in east central New York. In 1998, there were 19,400 acres in farms, 15 percent of the county's total 131,840 acres. There were 175 farms in the county averaging 111 acres per farm. Schenectady county ranks 51st in the state for number of farms and 51st for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$6.1 million. Total sales averaged \$40,447 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery and greenhouse, dairy products, vegetables, poultry products, and hay & silage.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$271,704. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$35,263 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$4.8 million for an average of \$31,411 per farm. The Census showed 39 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.1 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$26,438.

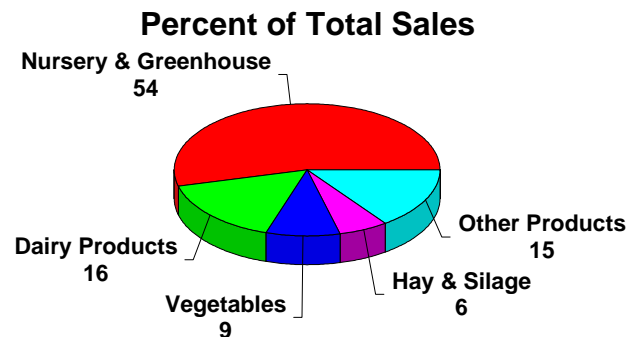
## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales	Percent of Total	County Rank
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Nursery & Greenhouse	3,310	54	15
Dairy Products	958	16	50
Vegetables	567	9	33
Poultry Products	D	0	22
Hay & Silage	365	6	50
Other Products	908	15	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>6,108</b>		<b>52</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

D: Cannot be disclosed. Included in "Other Products."

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	938	80,504	5/	5/	12,407	5/
1950	600	60,501	40,148	5,180	10,736	4,437
1959	349	43,231	26,586	5,835	7,374	3,436
1969	274	34,552	21,098	5/	6,765	5/
1978	201	27,885	16,785	1,994	5,507	3,599
1982	209	24,405	15,171	1,167	5,116	2,951
1987	205	23,000	12,700	1,900	5,100	3,300
1992	180	21,100	11,800	900	6,000	2,400
1993	185	20,800	11,700	900	5,700	2,500
1994	185	20,200	11,500	1,100	5,200	2,400
1995	180	19,900	11,500	1,400	4,800	2,200
1996	180	19,400	11,500	1,600	4,400	1,900
1997	180	19,500	11,500	1,800	4,200	2,000
1998	175	19,400	11,500	1,700	4,100	2,100

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	101	110
\$10,000 to \$49,999	33	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	11
\$100,000 or more	9	11
Farms Reporting	151	151
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

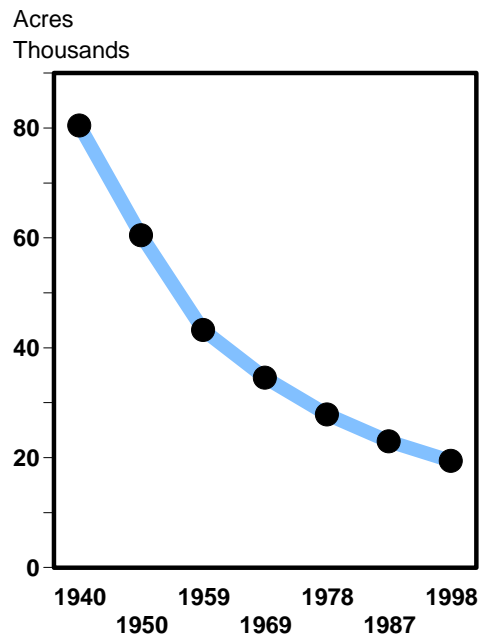
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 22nd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	122,500	595
1950	142,500	692
1960	152,900	742
1970	161,100	782
1980	149,900	728
1990	149,300	725
1998	145,530	706

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	7,094	1/	1/
1950	6,909	71	3,882
1959	5,557	115	3,171
1969	3,994	418	1,810
1978	3,600	500	1,400
1982	3,300	900	1,200
1987	4,000	700	1,300
1992	1,700	300	700
1993	1,700	200	900
1994	1,500	200	700
1995	1,200	200	700
1996	1,400	300	700
1997	1,500	300	600
1998	1,800	300	600

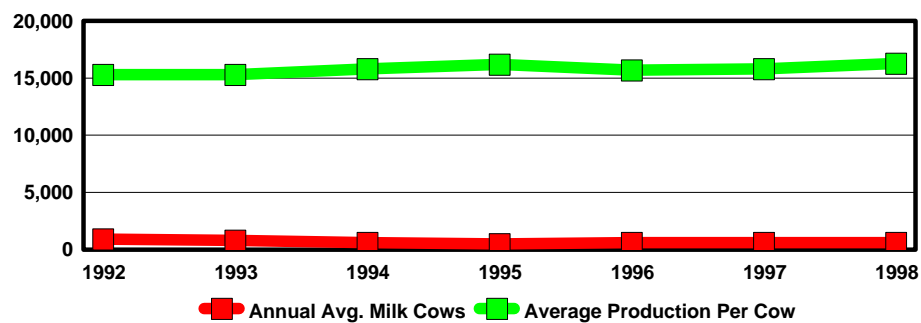
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**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	1,300	11,500	14.9
1982	1,200	12,000	14.4
1987	1,100	13,900	15.3
1992	900	15,300	13.8
1993	800	15,300	12.2
1994	600	15,800	9.5
1995	500	16,200	8.1
1996	600	15,700	9.4
1997	600	15,800	9.5
1998	600	16,300	9.8

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production****EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in Inventory State	Rank in Value	Rank in State
536	41	\$48,000	48

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	3,341	629	28.8	18,088	1/	1/	1/
1950	2,026	322	42.1	13,565	1,238	7.7	12,943
1959	1,746	365	33.3	12,143	1/	7.0	8,713
1969	1,300	300	84.0	25,200		1/	1/
1978	1,400	300	83.0	49,800	800	14.5	11,600
1982	1,200	400	75.0	30,000	800	11.5	9,200
1987	1,000	200	86.0	17,200	700	13.0	9,100
1992	1,400	400	89.0	35,400	800	15.4	12,300
1993	1,200	300	96.0	28,800	800	12.4	9,900
1994	600				600	14.5	8,700
1995	700	300	105.0	31,500	400	13.3	5,300
1996	1,100	500	107.0		500	14.6	7,300
1997	900	300	104.0	31,200	600	14.0	8,400
1998	900	300	105.0	31,500	600	14.7	8,800

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	389	1.8	699	21,097	0.9	18,751	21,486	0.9	19,450
1950	1,122	2.0	2,265	14,861	1.1	16,841	15,983	1.2	19,106
1959	1,713	1.8	3,072	11,596	1.2	13,698	13,312	1.3	16,770
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	9,415	1.5	14,491
1978	1,400	2.2	3,100	9,200	1.6	14,700	10,600	1.7	17,800
1982	1,500	2.6	3,900	7,900	1.6	12,600	9,400	1.8	16,500
1987	1,100	2.1	2,300	7,000	1.6	11,200	8,100	1.7	13,500
1992	1,300	2.1	3,100	4,900	1.7	8,500	6,200	1.9	11,600
1993	1,500	2.5	3,800	6,000	1.4	8,500	7,500	1.6	12,300
1994	1,300	3.2	4,100	5,900	1.6	9,600	7,200	1.9	13,700
1995	2,000	2.0	4,000	4,400	1.7	7,500	6,400	1.8	11,500
1996	2,100	2.1	4,400	3,900	1.6	6,400	6,000	1.8	10,800
1997	1,600	2.0	3,200	4,500	1.3	5,700	6,100	1.5	8,900
1998	1,500	1.9	2,800	4,100	1.3	5,200	5,600	1.4	8,000

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available